

Home Going Celebration

for

Curtis Ray Brown
"Butch"

Sunrise
June 15, 1947

Sunset
October 3, 2004



Celebration Held On
Saturday, October 16, 2004 – 12:00 noon

North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church
1427 Filbert Street
Richmond, California

Officiating Pastor Houston Jackson

Psalms 55:22 "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Obituary



Curtis Ray Brown was born in Lufkin, Texas on June 15, 1947 to Odis and Myrtis D. Brown. The family moved to San Francisco, California when Curtis was a small child. He received his early education at local schools and maintained his early Christian teachings and never lost his faith. Curtis graduated in 1965 from Hogan High School, Vallejo, CA. He later attended University Arts and Crafts, and received his B.A. Degree in Interior Design. Curtis also served time during the Vietnam War (Army) where he received his medal for "Sharp Shooter" and was Honorably Discharged, for his dedicated services for our Country.

Curtis was a very warm and friendly person who enjoyed helping anyone in need or just giving a helping hand to those he met. He was a man of many talents. He loved beautiful things and always surrounded himself with unique decorative objects. Most of all he loved entertaining his diverse group of many friends. Oftentimes you would see him laughing and talking and most of all displaying that infectious smile of his that only added to his charisma. Curtis was a salesman and boy could he sell. He just had a knack for it. With his innate abilities Curtis embarked into various business adventures all of which dealt with sales. He worked for Proline as a Business Representative, JC Penny's as a Home Interior Sales Representative and most recently with Proctor and Gamble as an Area Distributor. Curtis was an adventurous soul who started the Brown's Interior Designs, in the late seventies, he later ventured into a custom drapery business. Curtis was the epitome of the categorization 'Nothing beats a Failure but a Try'. He was a man who was farsighted and took risks and was unafraid of setbacks.

Family and close friends fondly knew Curtis as 'Butch'. He had quite a sense of humor and spent many days and nights laughing and joking with his life long companion Deloris Cannon. He will be sorely missed.

Preceded in death by his mother, Myrtis D. Brown, Curtis leaves to cherish his memory, his father Rev. Odis Brown of San Francisco, CA., Deloris Cannon, Fiancé, two children, Cheauvon Brown and Terrell Brown, three grand children, Tenisha Gonzalez, Robert Harris, Jr. and Terrell Brown, Jr., three brothers, Thurman Brown, Charles Brown, Sr., Glenn Brown, and one sister, Sue Brown, three sisters in law, Rhonda Brown, Wanda Mason-Lewis, Patricia Cotton and two brothers in law, Charles Mason, Charlie Mason, a special nephew, Charles Brown, Jr., and nieces LaRhonda Sue and Myiesha and Kyesha Brown and a host of other nieces and nephews, too numerous to name, and his loving God daughters, La Tanya Blakney and Sabrea Coleman and a host of many loving family members and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalms 121:1-2

New Testament John 14:1-3

Prayer Pastor Houston Jackson

Selection Malinda Claiborne

Acknowledgments of Condolences Carolyn Smith

Obituary Read Silently

Selection Christian Fellowship Choir

Special Expressions Cheauvon Brown

Reflection of Memories 2 minutes please

Selection Christian Fellowship Choir

Eulogy Pastor Houston Jackson

Parting View

Recessional

Active Pallbearers

Charles Brown, Sr.

Terrell Brown

Richard Lewis

Charles Brown, Jr.

Darryl Reed

Anthony Mason



Honorary Pallbearers

Thurman Brown

Allen Reed

Charles Evans

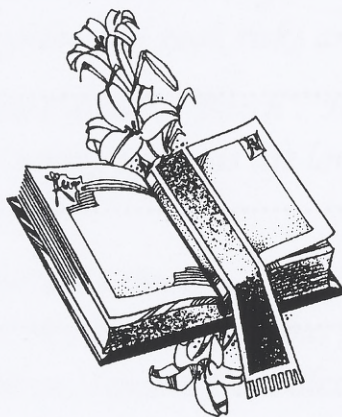
Keith Vine

Glenn Brown

Kennan King

Luther Evans

Kerry Blakney



And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto to me, Write Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rev. 14:13



Peace

Do not undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special. Do not set your goals by what others deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

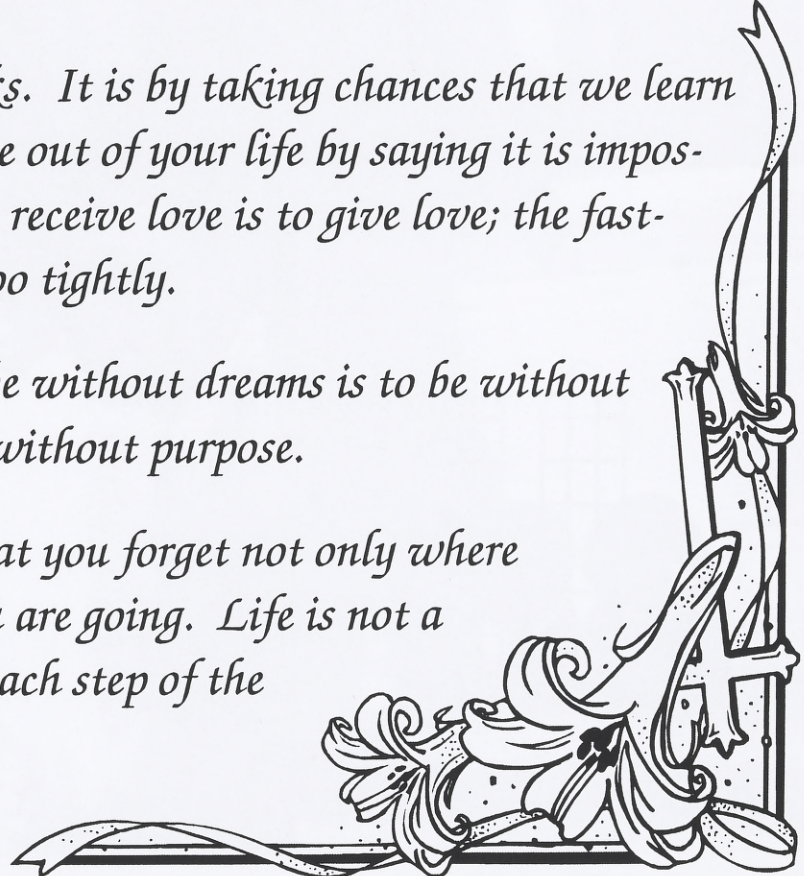
Do not take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless. Do not let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past nor for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.

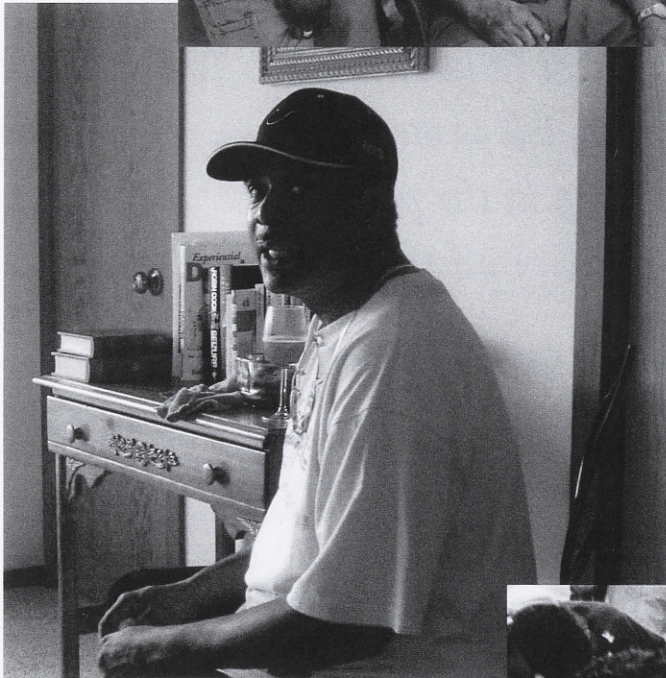
Do not give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. It is a fragile thread that binds us each together.

Do not be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave. Do not shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly.

Do not dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose.

Do not run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been, but also where you are going. Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.







*Until we meet again!!! Your smile and laughter will be greatly missed but
we hold him dear to our hearts.*

To Our Friends

*Deloris Cannon and Charles Brown, Sr., gratefully acknowledge the many kind
deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended during this time of
bereavement.*

Acknowledgments

*The family expresses appreciation for all the love, support and prayers received
during this time of bereavement. Your deeds will not go unnoticed. Whomever
we failed to acknowledge – Remember God knows. May God Bless each of
you.*

Final arrangements entrusted to the professional care of

Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Mortuary

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Internment

Monday, October 18, 2004

San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

32053 West McCabe Road

Gustine, California 95322